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SUBJ: SUMMER JOBS FOR EGYPTIAN STUDENTS

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1. EGYPTIAN JOURNALIST ABDEL ATTI HAMID (REF. A) VISITED EMBASSY

13 JULY TOGETHER WITH A. MUHSIN EL-BIALI, DIRECTOR ISLAMIC

FOUNDATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

2. EL-BIALI STATED ISLAMIC FOUNDATION NOW SPONSORING APPROXIMATELY THIRTY EGYPTIAN STUDENTS (ORIGINAL ESTIMATE LAST GIVEN EMBASSY USIS REP BY HAMID WAS ONE HUNDRED FIFTY) TO GO TO UNITED STATES FOR SUMMER VISIT. ACCORDING TO EL-BIALI THE FOUNDATION WILL PROVIDE: (A) ROUND TRIP TICKETS, (B) HOST FAMILIES (USUALLY EGYPTIAN-AMERICAN), (C) A PROGRAM OF VISITS TO VARIOUS AREAS, AND (D) "GUARANTEE" THAT EACH STUDENT WILL RETURN ABROAD.

3. STUDENTS FOR THIS PROJECT, EL-BIALI AND HAMID SAID, ARE BEING SELECTED BY A COMMITTEE HEADED BY MAHMOUD DARWISH, VICE PRESIDENT, UNIVERSITY OF CAIRO; LAYLA TAKLA, HEAD OF FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY; AND FAHMY LEGAM, SECRETARY GENERAL, GIZA GOVERNORATE.

4. EMBASSY IS TO BE GIVEN LIST OF STUDENTS WITH STATEMENT FROM EL-BIALI ON BEHALF ISLAMIC FOUNDATION CONTAINING GUARANTEE, ETC. MENTIONED PARA 2 ABOVE.

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5. ON BASIS OF INFO PROVIDED IT APPEARS UNLESS INDIVIDUAL

CHECKS REVEAL UNEXPECTED DEROGATORY OR OTHER BASIS REFUSAL
THE STUDENTS WILL BE ELIGIBLE RECEIVE B-2 VISAS.

6. EMBASSY FEARS FOREGOING WILL UNDOUBTEDLY ACCELERATE
QUESTIONS AS TO WHY OTHER STUDENTS SUPPOSEDLY BEING
ASSISTED BY EGYPTIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON (REF. D) STILL
AWAITING VISAS. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF DEPARTMENT
CAN IN ANY WAY ASSIST IN SPEEDING UP OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION
TO EMBASSY FROM INS, RE THE H OR J AUTHORIZATIONS.
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